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Prescribed Fires Planned – Smoke will be Visible from Carlsbad

CARLSBAD – Although southeastern New Mexico is in fire restrictions, the current conditions are favorable to begin a prescribed burn. Smoke will be visible from Carlsbad and Lakewood, NM.

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Carlsbad Field Office will conduct a prescribed burn seven miles northwest of Carlsbad starting Thursday.

Burning will continue through Friday, March 25, although the length of the burn is dependent upon weather conditions.

“The increased relative humidity provided by the rains allow us a window of opportunity to reduce wildland fire risk for the rest of the season,” said Fuels Specialist Ty Bryson.

Relative Humidity is the amount of moisture in the air. It effects how dry plants get, the higher the relative humidity the more moisture the plant holds.

The prescribed burn will cover about 3,000 acres. Fire operations will black line – create a burned out boundary that fire cannot cross – the perimeter of the area. The crews will then start burning the interior of the black line.

Three engines and an 8 - person module from Albuquerque BLM will be on the site on Thursday assisting the Carlsbad Crew. A Hotshot Crew will arrive on Friday.

To report a wildland fire please call 1-800-650-7498. For more information on BLM prescribed fire program, call Ty Bryson at 234-5960.

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